

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:
 - 2 an image display unit having an image display surface;
 - 3 an image forming unit for forming an image on said display surface by
 - 4 ejecting ink droplets toward said image display surface; and
 - 5 an image erasing unit for erasing the formed image,
 - 6 wherein ~~ink holding regions for holding ink droplets impinged to the~~
 - 7 ~~image display surface and an ink repelling region for holding no ink are formed~~
 - 8 ~~on said image display surface includes, said at least one ink repelling region,~~
 - 9 ~~said region formed of a material having a surface repellent to said ink, and a~~
 - 10 ~~plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink droplets, are regularly~~
 - 11 ~~arranged according to a matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink holding~~
 - 12 ~~regions region is surrounded by said ink repelling region.~~
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein each of said ink holding regions ~~is formed by a material having a~~
3 ~~surface attractive to a region subjected to ink receptive treatment and said ink~~
4 ~~repelling region is a region subjected to ink repellent treatment.~~
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of said ink holding regions ~~is dimensioned and arranged~~
3 ~~to hold holds one of said ink droplets~~ droplet for image formation.
- 1 4. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of said ink holding regions ~~is dimensioned and arranged~~
3 ~~to hold a plurality of said holds plural ink droplets for image formation.~~

1 5. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,
2 wherein a plurality of adjacent ones ~~at least one~~ of said ink holding regions are
3 dimensioned and arranged to collectively hold ~~holds a part of one of said ink~~
4 droplets ~~droplet, whose remaining parts are held by adjacent ink holding~~
5 regions, for image formation.

1 6. (New) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
2 image display surface includes a plurality of ink repelling regions, each of said
3 plurality of ink repelling regions formed of a material having surface repellent
4 to said ink, and a plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink
5 droplets, arranged according to matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink
6 holding regions is surrounded by corresponding ones of said ink repelling
7 regions.